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 Thomas Gernhofer,
Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.
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National Park Service

Voyageurs National Park, MN; Historic Resort Hotel and Villas Operations

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing continued operation of historic resort hotel and villas, with food service, boat portaging, and water-related services for the public at Voyageurs National Park, Minnesota, for a period of approximately ten (10) years from January 1, 1996, through December 31, 2005.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Voyageurs National Park, 3131 Highway 53 South, International Falls, Minnesota 56649, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contract.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared. There was an existing concessioner for this operation under a previous contract which expired on October 8, 1995, but that concessioner is not entitled to a right of preference in the negotiation of the new contract. This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. All proposals must

be received by the Superintendent not later than the sixtieth (60) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: December 12, 1995.
 William W. Schenk,
Field Director, Midwest Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service [INS No. 1740E-95]

RIN 1115-AC30

Further Extension of Work Authorization for Salvadorans Under Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Immigration and Naturalization Service ("the Service" or "INS") is granting a further automatic extension until April 30, 1996, of the validity of any Employment Authorization Document (EAD or work permit) bearing an expiration date of December 31, 1994, previously issued to a Salvadoran on the basis of Deferred Enforced Departure (DED). The Service is taking this action in order to ensure an ample opportunity for Salvadoran beneficiaries of DED to apply for a new EAD based on a pending asylum application.

Salvadoran nationals currently eligible for benefits under the *American Baptist Churches (ABC)* settlement agreement must mail an asylum application to the appropriate INS Service Center by January 31, 1996, if they do not already have one on file, in order to remain eligible for settlement benefits. Asylum applications will be considered timely filed if postmarked on or before January 31, 1996. This notice does not constitute an extension of the ABC asylum application filing deadline.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Chirlin, Adjudications Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Examinations Division, 425 I Street, NW, Room 3214, Washington, DC 20536, Telephone (202) 514-5014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Service announced on December 6, 1994, that it was automatically extending work authorization until

September 30, 1995, for Salvadorans covered by the DED program. 59 FR 62751. This extension allowed Salvadorans covered by DED a transitional period to apply for work authorization under other immigration law provisions. Almost all Salvadorans covered by DED are class members of the "ABC" lawsuit, which was settled in 1991. *American Baptist Churches v. Thornburgh*, 760 F.Supp. 796 (N.D. Cal. 1991). Under the ABC settlement, Salvadoran class members are entitled to apply for asylum under the old asylum regulations (promulgated in 1990) and may apply for work authorization based upon a previously or concurrently filed asylum application.

On July 7, 1995, the Service published in the Federal Register Special Filing Instructions for ABC Class Members, Form M-426, which provided instructions to class members regarding the filing of asylum and employment authorization applications. 60 FR 35424. On July 31, 1995, the Service mailed ABC Notice 5 advising Salvadoran ABC class members who have never filed an asylum application to do so by January 31, 1996, in order to remain eligible for ABC benefits. In a notice published September 27, 1995, the Service clarified the ABC Special Filing Instructions, extended the validity of DED-based work permits until January 31, 1996, and published the text of Notice 5. 60 FR 49921.

Salvadoran ABC class members who apply for asylum and employment authorization in the period ending on January 31, 1996, may face a lapse in their employment authorization, since the processing time for EAD applications at the Service Centers is approximately 60 to 90 days. In order to avoid possible interruption of employment authorization for class members, this Notice extends the validity of Salvadoran DED-based work permits until April 30, 1996, and reminds Salvadorans with DED work authorization to file their requests for a new work permit as soon as possible.

Automatic Extension of Employment Authorization

In order to ensure an ample opportunity for Salvadorans covered by DED to apply for a new employment authorization document (EAD), the Service is granting an automatic extension of the validity of their EADs until April 30, 1996. This automatic extension is limited to EAD cards which expire on December 31, 1994, and were previously issued to DED Salvadorans pursuant to 8 CFR 274a.12(a)(11). Salvadorans who need work